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New Report About Day JFK Was Slain

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The Dallas Morning News said in a copyright story yesterday that at least five people claim to have met men who identified themselves as Secret Service agents in Dealey Plaza just before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Warren Commission report on the assassination said none of the 28 Secret Service agents protecting Kennedy was on foot at the scene during that time.

The News said all but one of the encounters were in the parking lot near the old Texas School Book Depository, from which the Warren Commission said Lee Harvey Oswald fired three shots at the Kennedy motorcade on Nov. 22, 1963.

Gordon L. Arnold told the News he was moving toward a railroad bridge to shoot movies of the motorcade when "this guy just walked towards me and said that I shouldn't be up there."

Arnold said that when he challenged the man, he showed him a badge and said he was a Secret Service agent.

Arnold said he then went to the "grassy knoll" adjacent to the depository, and "felt" a shot come from behind him.

"In my mind live ammunition was being fired," he told the News. "It was being fired over my head . . . You don't really hear the whiz of a bullet. You hear just like a shock wave . . . you feel it . . . you feel something and then a report comes right behind it."

Arnold said he never told his story to authorities "because I heard after that there were lot of people making claims about pictures and stuff and they were dying sort of peculiarly."

Julius Hardie of Dallas told the News he was driving nearby when he noticed three men on the railroad bridge. "I looked over on the railroad bridge and I saw three men," Hardie said. "And I thought I saw two of them carrying guns, long guns. I . . . looked back, because even in Texas it's unusual to see people carrying long guns."

Jean Hill, who was only a few feet from the presidential limousine when Kennedy was shot, said she saw a man dash into the parking lot before other spectators began to rush up the knoll.

She said she ran after the man and was met by a "tall and slender" man in a suit who "whipped out" identification claiming he was a Secret Service agent. She said she lost sight of the running man as he reached the railroad tracks near the underpass.